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LAUREL PARK'S POPULARITY A PROBLEM TO MANAGEMENT.

Numerous Excursions Taxing Its Transportation Facilities; Southern Railway to Co-operate.

The popularity of Laurel Park as a picnic ground, especially for the near-by towns, has brought the park management face to face with the problem of furnishing ample transportation facilities.

Manager Walter B. Smith for the Laurel Park estate informs the Democrat that Traveling Passenger Agent Cotner of the Southern railway has given assurance that by the opening of the 1915 season the Southern will lay 90 pound rails on the Toxaway division as far as Laurel Park from the Hendersonville depot, thereby displacing lighter rails, in order that excursion trains may make the park their destination instead of unloading at the Hendersonville depot.

The park management realizes that with the increasing popularity of the park it will be impossible to accommodate the passenger and excursionists with the present equipment, therefore invites the co-operation of the Southern in handling the crowds.

The car line system is taxed to take care of the regular passengers in the city without handling the excursionists and it is not deemed advisable to provide extra facilities at this time to accommodate this irregular travel.

On last Saturday a train load of excursionists came up from Union, S. C., and it is understood that for Saturday of this week the mills of Union, Spartanburg and Greenville will close to spend a holiday in Hendersonville and Laurel Park. The annual picnic of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church of Asheville will be held at Laurel Park on August 13. During the summer picnic parties will visit the park at frequent intervals.

Laurel Park is recognized as one of the most popular picnic grounds in Western North Carolina. Its bathing facilities are a unique attraction for the mountain country. From one to two hundred bathers are in Lake Rhododendron daily. Free moving pictures and dancing in the pavilion are attractive features at night.

The popularity of the park as a residential center is increasing, a number of lots being sold each week, on which residences will likely be built before next year.

The boarding houses of the park have been filled with guests for some time and the boarding house feature of the park will doubtless be increased from year to year.

CLIMB OF AUTOISTS UP DARE DEVIL HILL AT PARK.

Dare Devil Hill at Laurel park was the scene of the second annual hill climb Friday, when a number of entries were made by local automobilists and motorcyclists as well as by visitors in the city and those from surrounding towns. The hill climb was postponed from last Tuesday by reason of the heavy rain, hence the number of entries were somewhat smaller than they otherwise would have been.

Some new records were established by motorcycles and automobiles, the distance of about a quarter mile up a steep hill being made a few seconds quicker than last year even though the track has been lengthened several feet.

Mr. Clements of Asheville won first prize with his Harley-Davidson motorcycle by making the dash in 34.3 seconds, which stripped all former records by half a second.

R. J. Alderman won second prize on his Indian machine, making the distance in 38.12 seconds.

W. H. Harth of Columbia, S. C., won first auto prize by running the climb in 40 seconds in his E. M. F. car, breaking former records by 2.12 seconds.

While a number of prizes were offered and there were other contestants, no other prizes were won since those competing failed to qualify.

HENDERSON CO. VETERANS

Will Hold Annual Reunion at Horse Shoe; R. R. Williams to Address Them.

(Contributed.) The annual reunion of the Confederate veterans of Henderson county will be held on Thursday, 13th of August, at Horse Shoe. All persons are expected to come and will be cordially received by the Veterans and their friends. The address will be delivered by Hon. R. R. Williams of Asheville at 11:30 a. m.

The following daughters and sons are appointed as a reception committee: D. L. Davenport and wife, Milton Allen and wife, Jessie O. Johnson and wife, Robert Freeman and wife, Pierce Brannon and wife.

W. G. GULLICK, Adjutant. A. CANNON, Commander.

HOSPITAL MEETING.

The hospital association will meet Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. C. R. Whitaker. All members and also friends interested in the work, are urged to attend.

Nothing so cheap and handy as old papers at five cents a bundle.

DEMOCRATIC POLLHOLDERS FOR THE PRIMARY ARE APPOINTED.

Primary Will Decide on Congressional Nominee, Choice Between Messrs. Gudger and Reynolds.

When the democratic executive committee of Henderson county met last Saturday a quorum was not present and the pollholders were appointed by Chairman V. C. V. Shepherd at the request of W. F. Edwards, Jr., representing R. R. Reynolds, and S. Y. Bryson, representing J. M. Gudger.

The primary will be held on August 15 from sunrise to sunset for the purpose of voting on a congressional candidate, the race now being between Mr. Gudger and Mr. Reynolds. Primaries will be held throughout the Tenth district on the same day.

Copies of the rules together with books for the purpose of registering the voters will be sent to the following pollholders by Secretary R. M. Oates:

South Blue Ridge, Alex Barber, S. W. Young.

North Blue Ridge, J. S. Hart, Andy Case.

Clear Creek, A. M. Maxwell, T. I. Rogers.

Crab Creek, John Brown, George Hardin.

Eowman's Bluff, N. M. Brown, R. J. Fletcher.

Edneyville, G. W. Lyda, A. S. Edney.

Bat Cave, Claude Freeman, Columbus Oates.

Green River, R. B. Ward, W. O. Waters.

Raven Rock, J. S. Wagoner, Grady Heatherly.

West Hendersonville, R. M. Oates, R. Smith.

East Hendersonville, T. J. Shipman, E. J. Rhodes.

Hoopers Creek, P. A. LeLong, R. B. Garren.

Mills River, S. E. Johnson, N. W. Posey.

Horse Shoe, Bradley Dalton, E. P. Hawkins.

Etowah, Shem Allison, J. L. Garth.

Flat Rock, A. H. Capps, J. P. Patton.

LAUREL PARK CAMP GROWING RAPIDLY; NOW 67 BOYS.

Laurel Park Camp made a better showing in the Military parade last week than it was given credit for. There were 67 boys in the parade instead of fifty. Camp Sapphire of Beavard had 59 boys in the parade.

The camp is meeting with gratifying success. It started three years ago with twenty-seven students, the second year it had thirty-seven and this number has been nearly doubled, there being 67 enrolled.

Permanent improvements are being made from time to time until the plant is now modern and splendidly equipped with electric lights, modern plumbing, two bath rooms for the exclusive use of the boys, an electric washing plant, where all laundry is done on the premises, a splendid athletic field with running track, tennis courts, etc. The ball players have been training until now the camp has a good team. There are two teams among the students which are ready to meet all comers.

WEEKLY PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSIONERS.

The city commissioners in weekly session Thursday night had an unusual number of complaints, petitions and other matters of importance coming up for consideration.

A petition signed by six property owners on Fleming street was presented, asking that a side walk on the east side of the street be built from Sixth to Eighth avenue. Realizing that the city has not much money to spend now for permanent improvements, three of the petitioners promised to pay cash for the work in order to have it done. The petition was referred to the city manager and the chairman of the street committee.

Mrs. L. R. Larnwell, Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Beattie Steadman were before the commissioners in answer to a call for the ladies' recently appointed on library committee to meet and discuss plans. Further particulars of the library will be found in another column of the Democrat.

Supt. C. E. Parker of the federal building was before the commissioners with respect to the placing of a culvert, curbing or sidewalk on Church street along side the building.

A written complaint was filed bearing the signatures of residents on Washington street and vicinity saying that the negro settlement on this street had become to be a nuisance by reason of filth, stench and noise and that such constituted an unbearable grievance and a menace to their health. They asked that the alleged nuisance be abated. The complaint was referred to the health officer with instructions to report to the next meeting.

A complaint was filed from Mr. R. R. Rook, asking for protection, declaring that he was not getting what was due him by law as his business was interfered with by a competitor. The complaint was referred to the police.

The commissioners discussed the water meter situation and expressed themselves to the effect that the installation of meters is the only solution of the water problem for the present. City Plumber Johnson reported that he had set a dozen meters during the past two weeks.

HOW THE DEMOCRAT IS SERVING BEST INTERESTS OF ITS SUBSCRIBERS AND ADAPTING PAPER TO THE LOCAL NEEDS.

The following letter from the manager of the Southern Farm Journal, an influential agricultural paper circulating among 60,000 Southern farmers, briefly sets forth the aims and ideals of The Democrat:

Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 1, 1914.

Mr. Noah M. Hollowell, Editor,
The Western Carolina Democrat,
Hendersonville, N. C.

Dear Sir:

A copy of The Democrat has come to my attention from time to time, and I am just writing to express a word of appreciation for the enterprise you have shown in adapting the paper to the needs and conditions of your section.

We get nearly all the weekly papers here, and I don't know of but one or two papers that approach yours in its application to local conditions and the enterprise with which the agricultural development of your section is looked after.

Permit me to say that you are living up to your opportunities, and I am sure the financial rewards for a paper of this character must be adequate.

Have you seen a recent issue of Southern Farm Journal? I am taking the liberty of mailing a copy to you under separate cover, and I think you will see something in our paper that is calculated to apply to the needs and conditions of the section we cover.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours very truly,
SOUTHERN FARM JOURNAL,
By F. C. Enloe, Manager.

HOW WILL BOOKS BE SECURED FOR THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY?

City Commissioners and Library Committee Wrestling With This Important Question.

Hendersonville has a splendid Carnegie library building, admirably arranged and completely furnished except for the books, and just how to secure a sufficient number of the latter to make a creditable showing when the institution is formally opened, is a question that is receiving some consideration at this time.

Since the building has been donated by Mr. Carnegie and turned over to the city with the understanding that the corporation is to maintain same and furnish it with books, and since the city is short on money with which to purchase books at this time, knowing that it will have to employ a librarian, janitor, etc., plans are being considered for the collection of books.

The city commissioners recently appointed a committee of two ladies from each church in the city to co-operate in this work and make the library more representative of the interests of all the people. Of this committee, Mrs. L. R. Larnwell, Mrs. Beattie Steadman and Mrs. Hunt were before the board last Thursday night for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the library. As a result of this meeting Mrs. Barnwell and Miss Steadman on Monday afternoon looked over the books in the old library and found 300 volumes that would be suitable for the new institution. A meeting was held Tuesday afternoon at the Carnegie library building, when the same was looked over, and was found to be excellently arranged for library purposes, the furniture furnishings being complete.

On Thursday night the library committee is requested to go before the board of commissioners and discuss ways and means of raising books and money with which to purchase others. It is believed that there are numerous books in the city that will be contributed to the library, and all these that measure up to the standard to be set by the library committee will be highly welcomed.

The committee and the commissioners are open to suggestions as to furnishing the building, raising money and the management of the library and any advice or help will be highly appreciated.

OPENING DANCE AT PARK HILL.

One of the most enjoyable dances of the season was held at Park Hill last Saturday night when about forty couples participated. The spacious dining room of this popular hotel was thrown open to the dancers. Music was rendered by the Dixie Blossom orchestra. The guests indulged in all the new dances until a late hour. Fruit punch was served during the evening on the piazzas, which were illuminated with lanterns.

The decorations in the ball room were artistically arranged.

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LOCAL REPUBLICANS TO MEET IN CONVENTION ON AUG. 15.

Various Candidates Whacking the Bushes for the County Offices to be Vacated.

The republicans of Henderson county have called a convention to be held on August 15 for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the legislature and county offices except that of auditor.

Precinct meetings will be held on August 14 for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention.

Politics in republican circles is getting warm with a large number of candidates in the field as follows:

For register of Deeds: J. D. Davis, Wade H. Whiteside, S. M. King, F. R. Jones, P. S. Ramsey.

For Representative: Fleet G. Whitaker, G. H. Valentine, A. B. Freeman, Frank Gibbs.

For County Commissioner: T. A. W. Lyda.

For Sheriff: J. C. Drake.

For Tax Collector: W. F. Brown.

For Clerk of Court: C. M. Pace, A. J. Gibbs.

ADVOCATING HELP FOR THOSE DEPENDENT UPON CRIMINALS.

The Reverend Sidney Love, secretary to the North Carolina Prisoners Aid society, and incorporated society with offices and temporary home at Raleigh, is in the city for a few days in the interest of the work of his society. The society is the only one of its kind in North Carolina.

To provide for all children that are left destitute after their fathers have been sent to the State prison or the county chain-gang. The board of directors of the society meet once in two months and at their last meeting received the report that 416 children had been found homes or taken care of by the society.

The society not only takes care of prisoners' children but is strongly advocating the passage of a law that shall require the State to pay to the wives and children of convicts, the money earned by them over and above their cost to the State or county.

Mr. Love is known in Hendersonville, having been a visitor here at various times for the past nine years.

The work accomplished by this society in the past has been of great benefit to the wives and children of the State and also to the communities in which these children have been helped.

The plan of the society is to find homes for little children and to take under their supervision boys under the age of sixteen and place them in a home somewhere in the country instead of allowing them to go to the ordinary chain-gang. The society has requested every justice of the peace and judge in North Carolina to send to them juvenile criminals under the age of sixteen for the purpose of finding them comfortable homes and thereby helping to remould their characters instead of sending them to the chain-gang.

GOV. AND MRS. TRAMMELL LOUD IN HENDERSONVILLE PRAISES.

Conspicuous among the visitors of prominence who have been enjoying the attractions of Hendersonville during the week are Hon. Park Trammell, governor of Florida, and Mrs. Trammell, who were here Sunday and Monday. Governor Trammell was en route to Washington, D. C., on state business and stopped off here for his first visit. He said to a representative of the Democrat that all descriptions of Hendersonville and surrounding country had failed to give him an adequate impression of the scenic beauties abounding here. An auto drive Sunday convinced him that this was the ideal resort of the mountains and he and Mrs. Trammell were loud in their praises of this section.

When they left both were ardent boosters for Hendersonville, and expect to make longer visits in the future. The governor is the youngest chief executive in the United States and has had a remarkable political career. From attorney general of his State he was raised to the gubernatorial chair by a larger majority than any other governor in recent years and that with four candidates running. He has made a most acceptable governor and thousands of his friends are urging him to make the race for the United States senatorship two years hence. When asked his intentions in this regard, he was non-committal but it is the general belief that at the expiration of his term as governor, he will seek the senatorial toga.

Many Floridians now in Hendersonville paid their respects to the visitors during their stay here.

BARACA-PHILATHEA REGISTER.

The Baraca and Philathea classes of Hendersonville have opened a register at the South Carolina and Florida rooms in the city hall in which it is hoped that Baracas and Philatheas visiting in the city will register in order that a committee may wait upon and invite them to their respective classes. All visitors belong to such classes are urged to register while in the city.

Want ads work while you sleep.

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HENDERSONVILLE IS ENJOYING ONE OF BEST SEASONS EVER.

Hotels and Boarding Houses Turning Away Visitors Although the Season is Not at Height.

That Hendersonville has the largest number of summer visitors ever entertained by the city for the corresponding time is the verdict of those in position to know, and the number is being augmented daily by arrivals from north, east, south and west.

While the season is not at its height and will not be for the next week or so indications on every hand point to the best season in the history of Hendersonville as a resort city.

Some of the largest boarding houses of the city, which are entertaining from fifty to sixty guests, have closed their doors against new visitors for lack of accommodations. Many of the smaller boarding houses have been filled for several days. Indications point to all houses having all the guests they can accommodate within a week or so, but the adage of there always being "room for one more" will of course hold good.

Business houses report good trade, the hotel keepers are busy and satisfied, soft drink vendors are busy cooling the parching tongues and satisfying thirst, the garages and livery stables are filling many calls and all others who cater to the tourist trade are unanimous in the statement that this season will bring the greatest summer crowd ever seen in Hendersonville.

The business of the Laurel Park Street Railway company is an unfailing thermometer of the number of tourists in the city. Hon. W. A. Smith, owner of the park, says that the business of the present season surpasses that of any previous one and that the number of tourists in the city is undoubtedly larger than it was last year for the corresponding period.

EXTRACTS FROM PLATFORM ON WHICH A. B. FREEMAN RUNS.

With Four Candidates for Legislative Seat Race is Warming up; Local Issues Discussed.

With no democratic candidate for the legislature in the field of Henderson county politics, four republicans are making things lively for a seat in the State hall of lawmakers.

The candidates are Fleet Whitaker, Frank Gibbs, A. B. Freeman and Geo. H. Valentine. They are not letting grass grow under their feet. The latest development along this line is the pamphlet being circulated by Mr. Freeman and his friends, showing the main planks of his platform. As some of the issues deal with subjects of local and State-wide interest in which democrats as well as republicans are interested, a few splinters from his platform are given herewith:

"I am in favor of electing the county board of education by a vote of the people," says he. Mr. Freeman sets out that other counties elect their board of education and that if Henderson does not have sufficient intelligence to do likewise "it should be annexed to Buncombe or go into the hands of a receiver." He is in favor of electing all the magistrates of Henderson county and abolishing the office of county auditor, which is an appointive one and is filled by a democrat. All other county offices are filled by republicans. He is also in favor of an increase in the salary of the county officers. He favors changing the Hendersonville charter so as to allow the voters of the city to elect its tax collector and business manager, the same as mayor and board of aldermen, all of whom are democrats. Mr. Freeman's platform sets out that he does not believe that the boarding house keepers in the city should be required to pay a privilege tax and he proposes to have the charter amended in this respect, provided he is elected.

As to State-wide matters, Mr. Freeman is opposed to such large appropriations for the maintenance of the A. & M. college at Raleigh, the State University at Chapel Hill, the State Normal and Industrial school at Greensboro, provided the appropriation for the public schools of the State is allowed to remain as small as in the past. He contends that it is an unjust distribution of money for school purposes. He favors increasing the appropriations for the insane asylum and the Stonewall Jackson Training school at Concord, and more stringent fire insurance laws.

NEW ORLEANS FAMILY HURT WHEN AUTO TURNED OVER.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Butner, Jr., and six year old child of New Orleans were injured on the Chimney Rock road Monday when a public service automobile turned over in attempting a curve. Mr. Butner's right arm was sprained, Mrs. Butner sustained several scratches and bruises and the collar bone of the child was broken. They were taken to the Patton Memorial hospital.

The accident is said to have taken place at Moore's Grove. Details of the accident have not been learned, there being conflicting rumors. It is understood that a passing auto took the parties to the hospital.